

**CHAPTER NO. 9**

**SENATE BILL NO. 59**

**By Kurita, Crowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 203

By Williams

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to reclassify the Native American Indian cultural license plate as a new specialty earmarked plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-255(a), is amended by deleting the language "cultural plate" and by substituting instead the language "new specialty earmarked plate".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-255(b), is amended by deleting the language "cultural plates" and by substituting instead the language "new specialty earmarked plates".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-255, is further amended by adding the following language thereto:

(c)(1) The funds produced from the sale of such Native American Indian new specialty earmarked license plates, pursuant to Section 55-4-215, shall be appropriated to the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs created by Tennessee Code Annotated, §4-34-101, for deposit in a special reserve account in the general fund earmarked for the commission's use. Such funds shall be used exclusively to conduct the business, fulfill the powers and duties, and further the purposes and goals of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 34.

(2) Moneys from the special reserve account may only be expended to fund activities authorized by this section. Any revenues deposited in the special reserve account shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this section, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any interest earned on moneys in the special reserve account shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years.

(3) All revenues produced from the sale and renewal of the new specialty earmarked plates authorized by this section shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of §55-4-215.

(d) The new specialty earmarked plate authorized by this section shall be subject to the minimum issuance and renewal requirements of §55-4-201.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(V), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by redesignating subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Native American Indian;

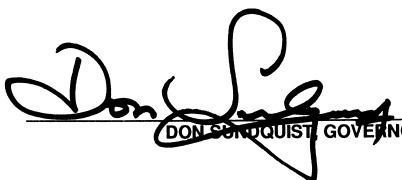
SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: February 25, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 11th day of March 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR